

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-17, 19-25, 27-40, 42-48 and 71 are pending for further examination.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for suggesting that the rejections put forth in the Office action of January 13, 2006 can be overcome by limiting the claims to "a coin-like token" (Office action, pg. 5, par. 15). Applicants have amended claims 1 and 25 to incorporate this feature. At least for this reason, claims 1 and 25 should be in condition for allowance. Claims 3-17, 19-24, 27-40, 42-48 and 71 depend from claims 1 and 25 and should be allowed for at least the same reason as claims 1 and 25.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

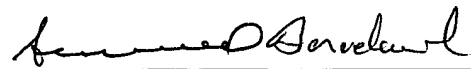
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